



Eligibility Operations Memo 11-07
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TO: MassHealth Eligibility Operations Staff

FROM: Amy Andrade, Director of Member and Provider Services

RE: Exemption from Cost Sharing for American Indians and Alaska Natives from Federally Recognized Tribes

Background Provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 require MassHealth to waive any cost sharing for American Indians and Alaska Natives from federally recognized tribes. American Indians and Alaska Natives who currently receive or who have received an item or service furnished by the Indian Health Service, an Indian tribe, a tribal or urban Indian organization, or through referral are exempt from paying copayments and premiums as MassHealth members.

MA21 Changes MA21 eligibility will bypass premium billing calculations for applicants and members marked as American Indians or Alaska Natives in the NAT event.

If the American Indian/Alaska Native indicator is "Y" and the member's person ethnicity code on MMIS eligibility is not AM-IND, MA21 will set this code to AM-IND.

Copayments When the person ethnicity code on MMIS is AM-IND, the member will not be charged copayments.

Questions If you have any questions about this memo, please have your MEC designee contact the Policy Hotline.
